

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes
May 15, 2007

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Mary Brundage, Jane Snyder and Beth Butler

Members absent: Roy Henry

Motion made to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2007 meeting by Beth Butler and seconded by Jill Kenrick. Accepted 6 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Norden Cemetery

Nothing has been received back from the Secretary of State's Office as of this meeting. Shelly will follow up with a phone call next week.

2. Flags for Veterans' Graves

Committee Members will place flags on Veterans' Graves on Saturday, May 19, 2007. Rain is forecast for Saturday. We might need to postpone until Sunday. Beth will make a decision on Friday and let us know.

3. Cemetery Accounts

Shelly has received no information from the Finance Director regarding the status of the Cemetery Accounts. She will wait until after the Town Meeting and then contact him again.

4. Annual Appeal Letter

Jill has updated the mailing list. Shelly will send out our annual appeal letter.

5. Alan Leveillee from PAL Inc will meet with Shelly at the Aldrich Buxton Cemetery tomorrow to review flag placement and fencing around the cemetery. 3 more stones with writing were found in the cemetery.

6. Chris Cota has started cleaning the cemeteries. Southwick Cemetery and Quaker City have been raked.

7. Sheryl and Jill are continuing to do research on the cemeteries for our cemetery survey.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Norden

An information box has been placed at the cemetery. The box will contain a sheet with information about the cemetery and an appeal for donations to help maintain the cemetery.

2. Cemetery Information

Louis Desruisseaux has donated information from a collection belonging to Henry Roy to our committee. He has copied information for several cemeteries and will continue to search through the collection for more information. The information contains detailed drawings of each cemetery and documentation of the stones - including names, dates

and inscriptions. The work was completed over a 20 year span (1967 - 1987) and has memorialized some stones that are now gone.

3. Bruce Ewart, a resource teacher in the Uxbridge School System contacted Shelly about the cemeteries. he has a program where students can learn about cemetery stones. This may be our link to a History Grant. Mr. Ewart works with the students at the Capron Mill.

4. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at the Farnum House.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Mary Brundage; seconded by Jane Snyder

Unanimous.